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Subject: FW: On deadline: Comment from Rep. Calvert

Ryan,

As Calvert told Administrator Pruitt last week when Pruitt expressed frustration with CARB's willingness to negotiate on the waiver, Ken has been trying to get in touch with Mary Nichols to urge CA to get to the table. I expect that call will finally get scheduled for next week.

See the note below (from a reporter to our press guy – we ignored the request) with CARB's comments on where things stand with EPA. I've had some lobbyists I generally trust albeit their leanings, tell me similar things. I believe they were the ones who prepped Judy Chu to request the MTE data at E&C yesterday.

Bottom line, Ken wants to help bridge any gap that exists and get things moving in the right direction. If you or Weirum or someone can give me the view/response of EPA on this matter before we call Nichols, that'd be helpful. I am sure there are two sides to the story and I'd like my boss to have both before he gets the pushback from her.

Hope you get a relatively quiet weekend.

Dave

From: Sean O'Kane [<mailto:sean.okane@theverge.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:46 PM
To: Gagnon, Jason
Subject: On deadline: Comment from Rep. Calvert

Hi Jason,

Administrator Pruitt responded to a question from Rep. Calvert during this afternoon's testimony about what the EPA is doing with the CAA waiver by saying it's in flux, because the EPA is in "active discussions" with CARB about what to do. CARB's communications director just told me this is not the case (see full comment below). I wanted to know what Rep. Calvert thinks about this discrepancy.

CARB:

We have had three meetings over the past four months (prior to the Final Determination announcement) and they were notably nonsubstantive. We never received any materials from EPA or NHTSA in advance of the Final Determination announcement on April 2. We have not received any materials since then, have had no meetings since then, and have received no invitations to any meetings on this subject.

Pruitt himself has never met with anyone from CARB -- even when he was in the State in March just days before the April 2 Final Determination release.

This is not, by any stretch of the definition, "working with California."

CARB would certainly welcome increased contact with the federal agencies to share information and develop shared solutions together to continue the existing one national program.

I've also reached out to the EPA to see if they have any more information about this discrepancy. For reference, here were the responses Mr. Pruitt gave Rep. Calvert just about an hour ago.

We're actually, Mr Chairman, in active discussions with CARB and California, Mary Nichols and others. We've sent staff to discuss the MTE as well as the impending potential.. or proposed rule with respect to the cafe standards. It's my hope and it's my commitment to you to work very diligently to try to find an answer with California and the ten or so states that follow their lead, because it is very important, as best we can, to have a national standard.

We have a role to play, and so does California. And that collaboration is important. We're committed to it, we dedicate our resources to it, and we'll continue to work through the process to try to achieve commonality and an answer for both California and those states and our agencies.

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We're working hard with California to try to find an answer.

Thanks

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